APPROVES MERGER OF NEW HAVEN ROAD

Special Commission Reaches | Delegates Receive Officers | Decision After Rigid Investigation.

Believes Combine Will Help State, Public, and Railroads.

BOSTON, March 18.—By a bare majority of one the special commission of commerce and industry appointed by Justice Gould approved the so-called merger of the Boston and Maine with the New York, New Haven, and Hartford railroad.

In its report submitted to the Legislature this afternoon three members of the commission agree that with certain well-defined restrictions the consolidation would benefit the Commonwealth, the traveling public, and the railroads as its name implies, also reported briefly on the acquisition by the New Haven company of sixteen Massachusetts street rallways on the lease of the Boston and 'Albany railroad to the New York Central.

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Regarding the Boston and Albany lease the commission recommends that an act be passed prohibting its assignment by the New York Central.

Upon the main features of the merger report Joseph B. Warner, the chairman; George G. Crocker, and Charles Francis Adams, second in accord. Former Gov. W. L. Douglas and James R. Crozier submit minority reports detailing their objections to the findings of the majority.

Suggest Draft of Bill.

For the purpose of regulating the merger the commission suggested the lines of an act to be drawn by the Massachusetts railroad commission which shall

1. That the New Haven Company shall be permitted to hold the stock of the Boston and Maine, which it has already acquired, amounting to 109,000 shares, or 36 per cent of the capital stock of the

2. That the Boston and Maine shall remain subject to Massachusetts law.
3. That the New Haven railroad shall

not increase rates of transportation.
4. That the principal offices of the Boston and Maine shall remain in Boston, its managers, residents of Massasetts, and its directors shall be res ents of some of the States in which it

incorporated.
That the New Haven Company all not dispose of its holdings of Bosn and Maine stock without the control the Massachusetts rallroad com-

ission.

That there shall be no transfer or quisition by any third party of the ston and Maine or the New York, ew Haven, and Hartford railroad thout the approval of the railroad mmission.

7. That if the provisions of the act are not satisfactory at the end of five years the State may purchase the Eoston and Maine stock held by the New

shall not be voted by the New Haven

nal facilities in Boston between the New York. New Haven, and Hartford, Boston and Malie, and Boston and Albany.

The questions report continues is not an issue between two rival railroads, as the two roads are connecting and not competing and among the advantages of commonwealth are general stimulation, increased efficiency, economy of administration, and increased facility in the exchange of business.

and Adopt Final Resolutions.

The first International Congress of Mothers ended its sessions last night in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church. The recently elected officers were presented to the delegates and a number of resolutions were passed.

Among the latter was one thoulded.

NEW YORK, March 18 .- Abe Hummel, the little lawyer sentenced to Blackwell's Island penitentiary for one year, for subordination of perjury in the Dodge-Morse divorce case, is expected to leave the island at 12:01 tonight. Hummel's commuted sentence expires at

midnight.

His friends have made arrangements for him to leave soon after that hour, but as he wants to keep out of sight, Hummel's plans are being kept secret. There is a boat leaving the island at 12:01, however, and it is expected the little lawyer will be a passenger. He will be concealed for two days by friends, and on Saturday, it is reported, will sail for Europe.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED

The following changes have been made in the classified service of the Navy Department:

ointments-Secretary's Office, Ed ward N. Farrell, messenger boy, at \$420 per annum; Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, E. R. Troxel, copyist, at \$900 per annum; Hydrographic Office, Joseph A. Albrecht, copyist, at \$720 per annum; Gershom Bradford, nautical expert, at \$1,000 per annum; Naval Observatory J. E. Eppes, assistant, at \$1,000 per ar Bureau of Ordnance, L. W. Lang,

nessenger boy, at \$400 per annum. Promotions—Secretary's Office, Charles Stake, from messenger boy at \$600 r annum to copyist at \$900 per annu; John R. Towles, from messenger boy at \$420 per annum to messenger boy

boy at \$420 per annum to messenger bey at \$620 per annum. Transfers—N. M. Pittmon, from la-borer at \$600, Secretary's Office, to as-sistant messenger, at \$720 per annum, Naval War Records Office; C. B. Hunter, from copyist at \$720, Hydro-graphic Office, to copyist at \$900 per annum, Bureau of Supplies and Ac-

THIRTEEN SMALLPOX CASES DISCOVERED WEEK MARCH 4

Thirteen cases of smallpox were dis-4, according to the report of the Health

ad.

That there shall be reciprocal reion in regard to docks and termil facilities in Boston between the
ston and Marke, and Boston and Aliy.

The record of other contagious diseases under treatment is as follows.

MOTHERS' CONGRESS | ARGENTINE MINISTER | ASSAILED PRINCE: CLOSES SESSIONS HOST AT RAUSCHER'S

publics Theme of Root's Address.

his and the South American countries were present.

The Pan-American committee of the United States, appointed by Secretary Root to execute the suggestions of the Rio government, met yesterday afternoon in the diplomatic room of the State Department and organized. Andrew Carnegle was made vice chairman, and the chairmanship is still vacant, Secretary Root and Mr. Carnegle both decilining it.

clining it.

It was agreed that similar committees be appointed by all the governments. Three of the four treatles have been approved by the Senate, and two of the fourteen resolutions have been referred to The Hague conference.

GUIDES RUNAWAY HOME; KILLED IN BARNYARD

OXFORD Pa., March 18.-After holding a runaway four-horse team for more than half a mile and guiding them around several difficult turns in the road, Henry McGaw, a farm hand near Keiton, was thrown off and killed, just as the team stopped in the barnyard.

Closer Ties of American Re- Two Years Each for Dragging Francis Joseph From Auto.

> EICHSTADT, Bavarla, March 18 .- The riminal court sentenced four peasants day to two years' imprisonment each or waylaying, beating, and blackmailing Prince Francis Joseph of Bavaria, and finally driving him ignominously

from the village of Dorndorf.
The prince was passing through the village in his automobile, when the quartet of peasants gathered a mob, quartet of peasants gathered a mob, dragged his highness and his chauffeur from their car, brutally mishandled them and forced the prince to pay \$40, because, as they charged, the car had struck and injured a horse belonging to one of their number.

It was shown at the trial that the animal was really injured by its own owner, that a claim might be made against his highness in excess of the amount the crippled beast was really worth.

FLAMES SWEEP TOWN NEAR MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18 .- The town of Braham, Minn., on the Great Northern railroad, sixty miles from this city, is being wiped out by flames. All telegraph wires are down. The Minneapolis fire department is rushing apparatus by a special train.

HOUSE AND THREE LOTS IN THE SOUTHEAST SOLD

Hannah Altemus has sold to Albert Knorl, the three-story frame dwelling, 1010 New Jersey avenue southeast. Together with this the purchaser takes three adjoining lots. The sale was made by Moore & Hill.

This company has also sold for Harry Wardman another of the row of sixroem colonial houses in Tenth street, Columbia Heights, beyond Munroe street, recently built by Mr. Wardman. The price was \$4,350.

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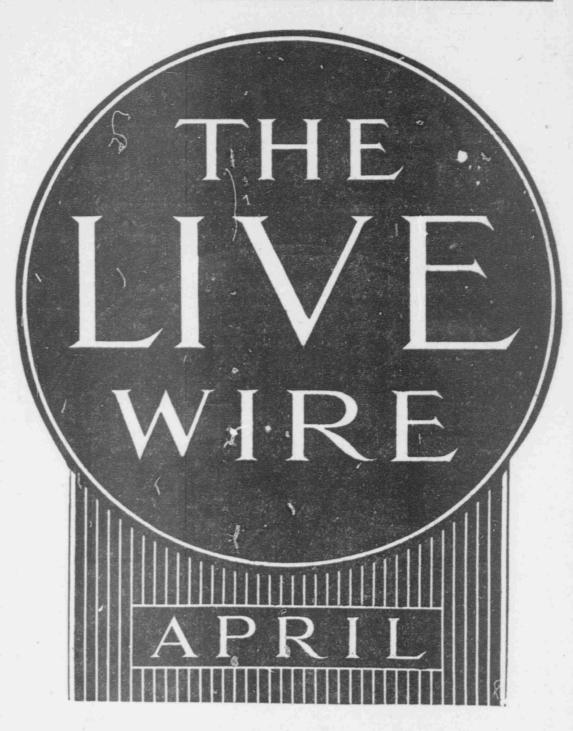
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THE LIVE WIRE is a two-color magazine. The April number contains over 100 illustrations. There is hardly a phase of human nature it does not cover, and cover well. There is laughter and tragedy, romance and mystery, and love and adventure in its pages. The whole idea of THE LIVE WIRE is to go right to the heart of things without any tiresome introductions. Open it anywhere, read ten lines, and at once you become oblivious of all else around you.

There are ten special articles. The opening one on New York Police Heroes will give you a magnificent insight into the majesty of bravery. What do you think of a cyclone that tears along at the rate of twenty thousand miles an hour, hurls bricks at quiet old ladies, and bombards tramps with hams? Impossible? Not by any means. Read the story about cyclones, and find out what a good, well-regulated wind can do when it is on its way.

There is a story in THE LIVE WIRE for April about What We Eat in a Lifetime. For instance, the average man consumes 18 head of cattle, 472 bushels of potatoes, and 36 sheep. Every twenty-seven days he absorbs his own weight in food of various sorts. Now, is there any reason why such a person should not pay 10 cents for a magazine that will fill his head with something worth while?

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